

## Kick off meeting – Bridges

**Venue:** Ljubljana, Hotel Slon

**Date:** 20. – 21. 04. 2016

**Participants:** attached

**Outputs:** attached

**Wednesday, 20.4.2016**

1.- Project management

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### **Steering group (STG) meeting**

Ninetta presented the approach at the project start (bringing research to small businesses), the main question is what each country wants to achieve regarding RIS 3 implementation.

#### **Task/ list: (Ninetta)**

- Till 30.4.2016 each partner sends a name of the person who is going to be part of the STG (or his/her substitute)
- A detailed list of tasks and responsible persons to be able to follow progress is prepared and discussed. This sets basis for the work and monitoring of each PP.
- For each unit there is a capitalisation action – it's a synthesis report on what was going on with the task and also in relation to the application form.
- The work done in the project has to be approved by the STG

#### **Good practices:**

- We need descriptions that can be relevant to other users
- We must have such GP that are useful to each of the PP regions

Partners need to discuss with regions what they need. First presentation is just a first step, then we need some discussions with regions and only then we make a decision.

#### **Action plans:**

Recommendations from the programme are very general, but in Bridges we need and we promised that AP will be implementable. This is important for phase 2.

There are different endorsement steps for the Action plan that need to be followed (different in different partner regions)

**Project management team:**

In each PP organisation there must be a person dedicated to this task (can be the same as content work or not)

**Partnership agreement:**

- Setting deadlines – a suggestion is to change from 'days' to 'working' days
- There will still be some remarks and checks, LP will give it to final 'formal' check.
- FLC – we need to check the staff assignment to the project (fixed and variable).
- More comments expected once partners have reviewed the AP suggestion exhaustively.

## 2.- Policy learning

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**RIS 3 and GP presentations (ppts attached):**

- Regional partners presented the status in their regions
- Good practices:
  - o Kainuu (PP1) – how to use the forest and to save the environment at the same time
  - o Lubelskie
  - o Helsinki (PP4) – smart and clean cluster
  - o Other partners contribute in the following months

After the meeting, there was a presentation of the project Ljubljana – European green capital 2016 in the city hall.

**Thursday, 21.4.2016**

### 3.- Communication and dissemination

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#### **PP3 – communication, dissemination (Agata)**

- Each partner must delegate a contact person for communication purposes (Agata will send a reminder to all pps).
- Regarding the outputs of PP6 (design of the brochure, newsletter and publication) PP6, PP3 and LP will discuss bilaterally what is needed so that the tender can be published for these services all together.
- All the outputs are digital, if partner wants, it can be printed for it's purposes but the programme isn't supporting it.
- PP6 will piublish a press release about the kick off event in Ljubljana.
- Scientific articles are planned, we need to discuss later to see what could be interesting for more academic level.
- We will all have to contribute to the project publication/handbook.
- We must find synergies with similar projects during duration of Bridges (other projects, platforms, networks, ...) but we need to explain what is the benefit of **active** participation at other events and initiatives.
- High level events – the programme requires at least one (we will have it at the end of phase 1 hosted by PP7, closing conference in Lublin by PP3) we need to show why and to whom the project brought benefits. Especially we would like to address the policy makers.
- Regarding reporting – PP3 will have to collect all relevant information at each repoting period.
- Communication and dissemination strategy (we need to prepare it) according to the given draft from the programme.
- Twitter, LinkedIn and Yammer (slideshare if needed) will be used for dissemination via social networks
- Partners contribution to the communication and dissemination strategy: all regional partners need to give answer to 5 questions regarding impact and awareness raising activities to be carried out in each region – we agreed that PP3 in cooperation with PP1 will prepare a generall list of potential activities but every regional partner will need to tailor it to individual dissemination needs and tasks - deadline for giving our feedback is the end of June.
- Partners publish a press release now, PP6 publishes an additional one (regarding the kick off in LJ)
- Project Logo will be provided by the programme in early May.

- Project web pages will be integrated to the programme website ([www.interregeurope.eu/project - bridges](http://www.interregeurope.eu/project-bridges)). After making the common workspace available by JS, PP3 will be formulating the project web pages in cooperation with the PMT and later on regularly updating it and uploading all project deliverables.
- There is a suggestion to use google docs to share common project documents.

#### 4.- Policy learning

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### ADVISORY PARTNERS SESSION

Presentations by the advisory partners (attached pps)

- **Good practice theme 1 and IWG1**, presentation by PP8 (Juan Carlos) contribution PP9 (Stavroula)
- **Good practice theme 2**, presentation PP10 (Remco) and PP9 (Stavroula): GP theme introduction report was contributed by PP10 before the 1st IPL. During the meeting a general introduction was made to RIS3, but innovation partnerships need to be addressed in more depth. Good practice description template has not been formulated yet.
- **Good practice theme 3 and IWG3**, presentation by PP1 (Ninetta), contribution on the communities of practice methodology, PP10 (Remco). GP description template was distributed before the 1st IPL. Better GP theme template to be sent to the partners by 30.4.2016. **Good practice contributions on GP theme 3** from at least: PP1 (ZIM, bilateral innovation programme between Finland and Germany), PP3 (research 2 business projects with interregional criteria), PP6 (innovation vouchers), PP7 (innovation vouchers)
- **Mapping the innovation potential**, presentation by PP1 (Ninetta), All comments to the selected indicators have to be sent to ninetta till the end of the month, each partner can select one or more suggested indicators. Finally agreed that partners would cover all five indicators to ensure better comparability.

## FINAL CLARIFICATIONS AND TO DO'S

First semester:

- Info to PP3 about local dissemination activities
- Go to the policy learning – setting up of the regional stk groups + meetings (till 30.9.2016) – agenda, participant and summary of the notes. The theme is common for all of us.
- We need to contribute some GP by the end of semester and then we have time to upgrade till the end of 2nd semester
- Regional reports must be made during 1st semester (mapping). We need to have an idea on how to push innovation in the regions
- Next project meeting will be on 26. and 27. october in Burgos, Spain.

## Attachments

1. Guidance for Regional policy learning (list of themes and results)
2. Good practice themes reminder
3. Interregional working groups and respective action plans
4. Participants
5. Outputs of the 1st interregional meeting
  - a. **Project management:** Project general presentation, Partnership agreement draft, list of tasks
  - b. **Communication and dissemination:** Presentation by PP3 (Agata)
  - c. **Policy learning:** RIS3 presentations (PP2,3,4,5,6,7), Gptheme 1 introduction & template (PP8 & PP9), IWG1 presentation (PP8), GP theme 2 introduction (PP10), General introduction presentation (PP10 & PP9); Gptheme 3 introduction (PP1), GP theme 3 good practice description provisional template (PP1), IWG2 presentation (PP1 & PP10), indicators for mapping innovation absorptiveness potential of bioeconomy businesses (PP1).
6. List of tasks planned and implemented of the 1st interregional meeting

### 1. Regional policy learning

<b>Regional policy learning sessions</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Outputs</b>
RPL1, sem 1	<i>1st meeting (Conceptual clarifications and teamwork structures, introduction to the project in depth, and the need of the bio economy innovation potential mapping); positioning of the project among the regional stakeholders; : knowledge transfer from the 1st IPL and discussion</i>	Confirmation of the RSK team; explanation of the how the RSK functions and participation in the IPL sessions; Introduction to the project and the process; explanation of the project teams IPL, RSK, RPL, IWG1 and IWG2; presentation of GP themes 1,2 and 3; positioning of the regional priorities in the project, initial orientation of the action plan.
RPL2, sem 2	<i>Part 1: knowledge transfer from the 2nd IPL and discussion; 2nd Part Good practice analysis and RIS3 bio economy industry business map</i>	Analysis of good practices and discussion which ones are relevant for the region; discussion of the regional bio-economy maps; potential of own region discussed, discussion of the 1st sessions of IWG1 and IWG2
RPL3, sem 3	<i>Part 1: knowledge transfer from the 3rd IPL and discussion; 2nd Part Regional benchmarking and feasibility reports, what are the optimal research2business opportunities for each region as it is now)</i>	Analysis of good practices and discussion which ones are relevant for the region following the 3 <sup>rd</sup> IPL; discussion of the 2nd sessions of IWG1 and IWG2
RPL4, sem 4	<i>Part 1: knowledge transfer from the 4th IPL and discussion; 2nd Part Action plans training / start of action plan formulation</i>	Introduction to the action plans and how they will benefit businesses and region; discussion on what types of actions to include
RPL5, sem 5	<i>Part 1: knowledge transfer from the 5th IPL and discussion; 2nd Part Formulation of the action plan &amp; peer review)</i>	Discussion of the peer review feedback and what it means for the action plans, supporting the endorsement steps of the action plans
RPL6, sem 6	<i>Part 1: knowledge transfer from the 6th IPL and discussion; 2nd Part Action plan finalisation and</i>	Conclusion meeting and expectations from the implementation stage, during the project and beyond

<b>Regional policy learning sessions</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Outputs</b>
	<i>endorsement</i>	

## 2.- Good Practice themes

### GOOD PRACTICE THEME 1

Industry -led centres of competence supporting RIS3 implementation: CCs are explored from organisational, operational, tactical and competence points of view; these issues are first introduced through thematic workshop (sem2), in the GPs contributed & the site visit in Burgos. As improvement of innovation infrastructure is the heart of the project, an interregional workgroup is dedicated accordingly, to ensure deeper insights among peers, IWG1 coordinated & guided by PP8 (advisory partner focusing on CCs).

### GOOD PRACTICE THEME 2

Innovation partnerships Research 2 business in bioeconomy: Research2industry partnerships are explored as to how(=what steps are needed, what businesses can actually benefit) demanded research solutions can be absorbed by RIS3 placebased entrepreneurial & business opportunities' discovery & exploitation (new/improved products), including flow of cooperation, & support for this process in the long run. This theme bridges Bioeconomy researchexcellence with RIS3 placebased productive base; the approach will be modelled, practiced through new projects (the 'RIS3 paths'), & integrated into the CC operations.

### GOOD PRACTICE THEME 3:

Multi level synergies and increasing leverage of resources: Enabling of multi level synergies refers mainly to two fields: GPs demonstrating combination of innovation resources e.g. beyond the SF & identifying interregional synergies worth for longer-term exploration within the project partnership. The minimal output of this GP theme is that innovation vouchers (already practiced in 3 of the PP areas) will be adopted, expanded & focused to serve research2industry RIS3 partnerships, & benefit from interregional synergies.

### 3.- Interregional working groups reminder and action plan (IWG)

#### IWG1

IWG1 on industry led centres of competence and RIS3 implementation infrastructures: its purpose is to analyse in depth GPs on CC, gain insights into industry-led (and especially Bioeconomy related) CCs, & result in related comprehensive concepts addressing RIS3 implementation, & contribute to the formulation of the APs, AC1. IWG1 is coordinated by PP8 (such a CC themselves). Members are PP1, PP5, PP6, PP7 & PP9. Later SK from PP3 & PP4 join. Operates sem15.

TIMETABLE IWG1 on industry led centres of competence and RIS3 implementation infrastructures	sem
Objectives and thematic focus (thematic focus = what are the crucial issues to be brought up in the IWG1, these issues can evolve with time of course)	1
Recruitment of members (all partners recruit members from national level)	1
Meetings (themes, agendas, participants, conclusions)	
<b>IWG1- meeting 1:</b> Mapping of the services regional development partners and RIS3 facilitating units provide; internal discussion as to what degree they are satisfied with the performance and what they would like to change overall; what does RIS3 literature foresee for the RIS3 implementation structures; feedback to the IPL session on GPT1.	2
<b>IWG1- meeting 2:</b> Discussion of good practices contributed to GP theme 1 and benchmarking of own organisations, taking into account also the RIS3 provisions	3
<b>IWG1- meeting 3:</b> Recommendations for the action plan of each region	4
<b>IWG1- meeting 4:</b> Assessment of the peer review and recommendations for the action plans improvement	5
<b>CAPITALISATION ACTION</b> Synthesis report of IWG1 proceedings and results	5



## IWG2

IWG2 on multi level synergies across regions, including innovation partnerships and funding: its purpose is to bring together regional authorities/MAs/IBs to identify, screen and finally agree & activate synergies among the partner areas, by making use of suitable tools, e.g. activation of article 70.2 of the CPR; to also agree adoption of GPs leveraging innovation resources (innovation vouchers), with the objective to contribute to AP formulation AC2 & AC3. IWG2 is coordinated by PP1.

TIMETABLE IWG2 on multi level synergies across regions	sem
Objectives and thematic focus	1
Recruitment of members (all partners recruit members from national level)	1
Meetings (themes, agendas, participants, conclusions)	
<b>IWG2- meeting 1:</b> Outlines of the regional innovation systems, interregional complementarities, first discussion on the potential of longer term co operations	2
<b>IWG2- meeting 2:</b> Discussion of good practices contributed to GP themes 2 and 3 and their interregional aspects	3
<b>IWG2- meeting 3:</b> Recommendations for the action plan of each region	4
<b>IWG2- meeting 4:</b> Assessment of the peer review and recommendations for the action plans improvement	5
<b>CAPITALISATION ACTION</b> Synthesis report of IWG2 proceedings and results	5



## 4.- Participants

Event: BRIDGES Kick off meeting

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## **5.- Outputs of the 1<sup>st</sup> interregional meeting**

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## **6.- List of tasks planned and implemented during the 1<sup>st</sup> interregional meeting**

All presentations from the meeting are attached.